

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois recently learned with sadness of the death  
4 of Edna Leach Byrd on Wednesday, September 25, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Byrd was born on November 17, 1928 in  
6 Portsmouth, Virginia to Simon and Mable Leach; she was the  
7 youngest of seven brothers and sisters, all of whom preceded  
8 her in death; she accepted Christ while attending Emmanuel  
9 A.M.E. Church in Portsmouth, Virginia; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Byrd graduated from I.C. Norcom High School  
11 in 1945; she attended Shaw University in Raleigh, North  
12 Carolina and Maryland State; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1951, she married Myrten E. Byrd, Sr.; they  
14 were married 51 years and were blessed with five children,  
15 Vanessa, Myrten, Marvin, Marion, and Maurice; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Byrd devoted her entire life to her husband  
17 and children; she enjoyed being Myrten's best friend, partner  
18 and soul mate; she took special pride and delight in her  
19 children and their accomplishments; each of her grandchildren  
20 held a unique place in her heart; and

21 WHEREAS, Mrs. Byrd enjoyed her affiliation and travels  
22 with the Daybreakers' Social Club; she will be remembered for  
23 her love of Western movies; and

24 WHEREAS, The loss of Edna Byrd will be deeply felt by all  
25 who knew and loved her especially her husband, Myrten E.  
26 Byrd, Sr.; her children, Vanessa (Jerome), Myrten (Toni),  
27 Marvin (Renee), Marion (Algie), and Maurice (Deidra); her  
28 in-laws, Rosalyn Ellis, Napoleon Byrd, Rudolph Brown, Sr.  
29 (Ann), and Barbara Leach; her grandchildren, Jermaine  
30 (LaShonya), JeVaughan, Tiffani, Jemell, Jemyra, Marques,  
31 Myrten III, Brandon, Ashley, Sherrita, Marvin, Christopher,

1 and Jada; her great-grandchildren, Terrell, Empress, Jermaine  
2 Jr., JeVaughan, Tylin, Tya, and Camryn; and a host of nieces,  
3 nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we mourn the passing of Edna Leach Byrd and offer our sincere  
7 condolences to her family and friends; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Edna Leach Byrd.